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FROM: R. STEVEN WARNER, A7500
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SUBJECT: Possible Site Recommendation for Yucca Mountain

The Western Area Power Administration (Western) has received and reviewed the August 21, 2001, Federal Register notice (66 FR 43850) and the *Yucca Mountain Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation* together with your August 28, 2001, letter concerning the use of Yucca Mountain as a spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste repository.

Western, as one of Energy's power marketing authorities, does not own, operate, or maintain any electric power generation that produces spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. Nor does Western have any responsibility for handling or disposing of nuclear waste products. Based on these circumstances, Western cannot adequately respond to the topics listed in the "Suggested Topics for Public Comment on Yucca Mountain" enclosed with your letter.

In addition, a review of our records indicates there are no Western-owned or -operated electric transmission lines or related facilities on Yucca Mountain. Western also has no plans to date for development of a utility corridor on or within close proximity to the proposed repository site.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Susan Starceovich, Realty Specialist, of my staff at 720-962-7275.

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